

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4 are in the case.

Claims 3 and 4 have had their dependency revised to correct a typographical error.

Reconsideration of the Examiner's restriction requirement is respectfully requested on the following grounds.

The instant application is a CIP of Application S.N. 09/624,098. In the parent application, the claims are drawn to a method which essentially comprises the first portion of Claim 1.

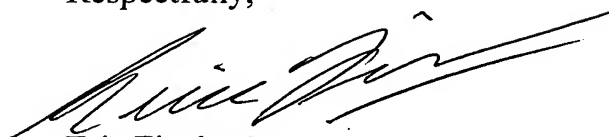
Claims 2 to 4 of the instant application constitute the second part of Claim 1. In other words, Claim 1 defines a method wherein the soil is treated, depending upon the pH, with the method of the parent application or with the method of Claims 2 to 4.

The search regarding the first part of Claim 1 has already been conducted in the parent application which would only leave the search directed to the second part of the method, which is in common with the subject matter of Claims 2 to 4. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.



As required by the Examiner, Applicant elects Claims 2 to 4 even though the Restriction Requirement is traversed. Further Action on this application is awaited.

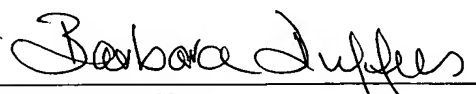
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